

**THE CLAIMS**

1. (Previously Presented) A disintegrant for tablets consisting of an  $\alpha$ -1,4-glucan having a degree of polymerization of not less than 186 and less than 1230 and a dispersity (weight average molecular weight "Mw"/number average molecular weight "Mn") of not more than 1.25.
2. (Original) The disintegrant according to claim 1, wherein said  $\alpha$ -1,4-glucan is an enzymatically synthesized  $\alpha$ -1,4-glucan.

Claims 3-12. (Canceled)